

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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JAISALMER FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Monument Fund has contributed Rs.599 lakh for work on the Jaisalmer Fort;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether foreign funds have also been made available for restoration and maintenance of other prominent Indian historical sites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) Under a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding entered into among National Culture Fund (NCF), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and World Monument Fund (WMF) on 13 August 2003, for conservation works at Jaisalmer Fort, the following contributions have been made:-

ASI: Rs. 400 lakhs
WMF: US \$ 4, 39, 000

(c) & (d) Foreign funds have also been made available for restoration and maintenance of monuments. The details are as at under:-

(i) Contribution of US \$ 650,000 for Humayun's Tomb Project under NCF. The contributors include Indo-British Fiftieth Anniversary Trust, Oberoi Group of Hotels and Aga Khan Trust for Culture.

(ii) A soft loan for 85% of cost (estimated cost Yen 4401 million) for Ajanta and Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project, (Phase I) from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC).

(iii) A soft loan of Yen 901 million from JBIC for Ajanta and Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase II.).